



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states as well as creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides significant investment in North Carolina, worth more than \$18 Billion. The Recovery Act invests in those that need help the most – through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. The Recovery Act gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the Making Work Pay tax credit and the First Time Homebuyer's tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds. Instead, the Recovery Act is a long-term effort to both restore economic expansion in the short-term as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Edgecombe County

Edgecombe County received more than \$75.7 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Edgecombe County total.



Pell Grants Awards:
2,710



Small Business Jobs:
129

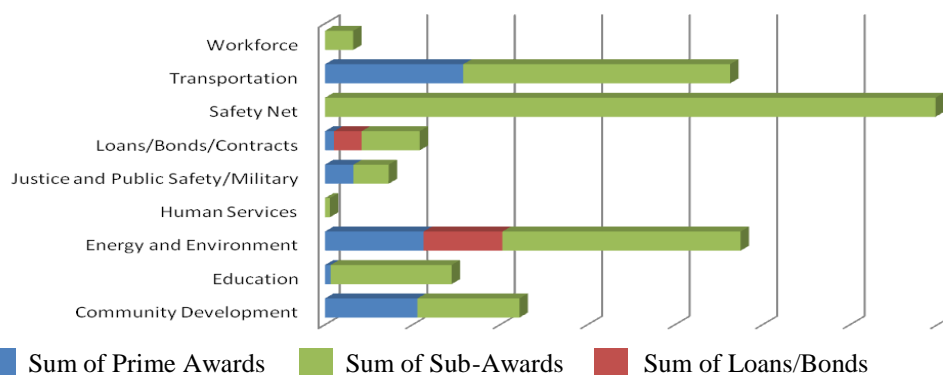


Appliances rebated:
43



Family homes financed:
13

Edgecombe County Totals



Edgecombe County,
pop 55,606 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$69,701,048
Loans: \$ 6,083,949

Total: \$75,784,997



Education

The Recovery Act put a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through an existing funding formula. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation has followed Department of Public Instruction procedures, with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released so that it could be re-allocated to school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Edgecombe County schools received \$11 million in education funding, including \$1.6 million in Special Education funds, \$1 million in Title I funds, \$4.4 million in SFSF funds, and \$884,704 in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are grants and not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Edgecombe County, Edgecombe Community College had 2,710 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$2.9 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These funds assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Edgecombe County, 13 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$1.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new more energy efficient appliances, and to help consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office, in the North Carolina Department of Commerce, managed the program, insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will benefit from energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 million.

Edgecombe County retailers sold 43 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to give small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Edgecombe County 1 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$12,500. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 4 jobs. Additionally, the USDA Business and Industry Program provided 1 loan to a small business, worth more than \$2.8 million dollars that saved or created 125 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is a program administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Edgecombe County, \$17,731 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this

program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Edgecombe County, car dealers sold 63 cars worth almost \$1.5 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

The ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded to the state as a large formula allocation to the State. This grant, worth \$34.5 million, was distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities through a competitive grant process. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Edgecombe County, The Edgecombe County Government, the Town of Tarboro, and the City of Rocky Mount all received JAG program grants for law enforcement purposes. These grants were worth over \$600,000.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) program awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders at all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Edgecombe County, the City of Rocky Mount and the Town of Princeville had 10 officers funded through COPS Grants. These grants were worth more than \$1 million. In addition the Town of Princeville received a \$4,000 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission to help outfit and equip the town's new officer.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

The ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to more efficiently develop and utilize natural resources. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. All told these programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Edgecombe County, 2 water and sewer grant were awarded, for more than \$2.8 million. In addition, the USDA Rural Development program granted Edgecombe County \$2.5 million in water and sewer grants.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of the ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy, and assist in the development of a 21st Century green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Edgecombe County, the Edgecombe County Government received an EECBG grant of \$325,000 to install generators to produce electricity and develop uses for the waste heat from the generators. Edgecombe County Schools received an EECBG grant of \$105,524 to replace lighting in gyms and multi-purpose areas and provide for more efficient lighting and lighting fixtures at the Southwest Edgecombe High School baseball field. The City of Tarboro received an EECBG grant of \$200,000 to improve the town's electric distribution system; digital controls for the heating and air conditioning system at the police department; improve lighting at the electric department's truck bay, the Braswell Recreation Center, the M.A. Ray Recreation Center and the E.L. Roberson Senior Center, and \$196,671 to provide for energy efficiency initiatives in seven Main Street District businesses.



Safety Net Programs

Recovery Act safety net programs consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis, including the newly unemployed. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than 2 years. Other safety net programs include nutrition assistance, and one-time payments to Social Security recipients. Safety net programs, such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven positive economic impact on a community.

Edgecombe County residents received more than \$25 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$6.7 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$3 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

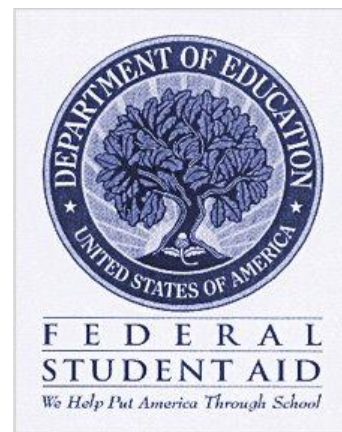
Edgecombe County received more than \$319,000 for Head Start Programs.

Edgecombe County Feature Story

Students at Edgecombe Community College Take Advantage of Recovery Opportunities

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided approximately \$100 billion for education, creating a historic opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of jobs, support states and school districts, and advance reforms and improvements that will create long-lasting results for our students and our nation including early learning, K-12, and post-secondary education.

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post-baccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Students may use their grants at any one of approximately 5,400 participating postsecondary institutions. These institutions either credit the Federal Pell Grant funds to the student's school account, pay the student directly (usually by check), or combine these methods. Students must be paid at least once per semester (or in the case of a training program, once per trimester or quarter). Amounts awarded from Pell Grants are dependent on the student's family contribution, the cost of attendance, the student's enrollment status (full-time or part-time), and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less.



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated \$17.1 billion into the Pell Grant Program nationwide. Not only did this meet a large unmet need for eligible students who already qualified, the ARRA increased the maximum Pell award for all eligible students \$500 per semester, from \$4,850 to \$5,350. ARRA-funded Pell Grants were awarded to students in the 2009-2010 academic year. In North Carolina, more than 221,000 students received Pell Grants funded through the Recovery Act. These students attended 136 different institutions across the state. These grants were worth more than \$339 million.



Edgecombe Community College evolved from one small building in 1968. Today, Edgecombe Community College has two campuses, one in Tarboro, and an urban campus in Rocky Mount. Edgecombe Community College has academic programs in computer information technology, business administration, biotechnology, automotive repair, nursing, various electronics and medical technology programs, and college prep courses. The school also has continuing education, and workforce development courses, such as business development and training courses, fire, EMS, and law enforcement training.

Edgecombe Community College helps meet the educational and training needs of about 9,500 individuals per year. In the 2009-2010 academic year, Edgecombe Community College had 2,710 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth almost \$3 million and used for tuition, textbooks, and other educational needs.

Appendix, Edgecombe County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$268,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Edgecombe Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$1,551,247.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Edgecombe, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$283,469.70	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Head Start	Nash-Edgecombe Economic Development, Inc.	P	\$319,201.00		\$0.00	\$319,201.00
Department of Agriculture	Business and Industry Loans	Various	L		\$2,800,000.00		
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$6,710,720.07		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$105,524.00	\$0.00	
		Edgecombe, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00	
		Jeff Hargett Mechanical Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$166,796.00
		Martin Community Action	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$113,400.00
		Oakley-Collier Architects Pa	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$35,043.53
		Progressive Contractors Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$183,700.00
		Rocky Mount, City Of	P	\$572,100.00		\$0.00	\$572,100.00
		Tarboro, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Edgecombe County DSS	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		Tarboro, Town Of	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for	Edgecombe County DSS	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

	States					
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Investments Program (Recovery Act Funded)	Empire Corporation	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$893,402.00
		Southside Acres Apartments	P	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
				\$0.00	\$893,402.00	\$893,402.00
	Community Development Block Grants - Entitlement	Charlie M Lamm Inc	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,485.00
		North Carolina Homebuilders Association	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00
		Rocky Mount, City Of	P	\$178,352.00	\$0.00	\$178,352.00
	Community Development Block Grants - Insular Recovery	Rocky Mount, City Of	P	\$285,000.00	\$0.00	\$285,000.00
	Public Housing Capital Fund Competitive (Recovery Act Funded)	Housing Authority Of The City Of Rocky Mount	P	\$2,775,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,775,000.00
	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Danco Builders, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328,222.00
		Housing Authority Of The City Of Rocky Mount	P	\$1,593,153.00	\$0.00	\$1,593,153.00
		LDA Architecture, PLLC	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00
		Phillips & Son Contractors	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$93,052.00
		Princeville Public Housing	P	\$93,052.00	\$0.00	\$93,052.00
		Tarboro Redevelopment Comission	P	\$356,222.00	\$0.00	\$356,222.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Princeville, Town Of	P	\$97,491.00	\$0.00	\$97,491.00
		Rocky Mount, City Of	P	\$1,088,808.00	\$0.00	\$1,088,808.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Edgecombe, County Of	P	\$40,046.00	\$0.00	\$40,046.00

		Rocky Mount, City Of	P	\$377,520.00		\$0.00	\$377,520.00
		Sunguard Public Sector	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$156,578.22
		Tarboro, Town Of	P	\$28,577.00		\$0.00	\$28,577.00
		USAT Corporation	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$54,000.00
	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Edgecombe, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$138,855.00	\$0.00	
		Princeville, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
		Whitakers, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$9,568.86	\$0.00	
				\$0.00	\$9,568.86	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$25,193,727.37		
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Princeville, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$307,648.00	\$0.00	
		Tarboro, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00	
	National Clean Diesel Emissions Reduction Program	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$74,619.15	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Barnhill Contracting Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$7,281,841.76
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$7,800,702.00		\$0.00	\$7,800,702.00
				\$96,055.00		\$0.00	\$96,055.00
		Southern Garden, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$73,197.25
Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$36,843.48	\$0.00	
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$5,475.00
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Heritage Hospital, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$275,000.00	\$0.00	
		Tarboro, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$196,671.00	\$0.00	
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$33,465.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants,	Edgecombe Community College	S	\$0.00	\$556,343.07	\$0.00	

	Recovery Act						
		Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$3,942,939.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$884,704.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,079,875.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$63,328.00	\$0.00	
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Edgecombe County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,610,859.00	\$0.00	
Rural Utilities Service	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ARRA	Edgecombe, County Of	P	\$2,509,400.00		\$0.00	\$2,509,400.00
				\$0.00		\$3,615,000.00	\$3,615,000.00
				\$2,509,400.00		\$0.00	\$2,509,400.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	S And N Enterprises LLC	L			\$24,300.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$2,984,750.00		
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Ch2m Hill Inc	P	\$519,991.47		\$0.00	\$519,991.47
Grand Total				\$21,280,070.47	\$48,420,978.56	\$6,083,949.00	\$35,307,665.23

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.